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MISS CAROLINE SPURGEON SPEAKS ON THE SOLDIER POETS OF THE WAR.

Miss Spurgeon, who spoke on Monday afternoon, December 2, at Billings Hall, is one of the British Commission of Education. She is an eminent English scholar of the University of London, and an authority on Chaucer.

The War, said Miss Spurgeon, has revived a keen interest in literature and has inspired the young soldiers and sailors of England to write. The poetry they produce is not always perfect in form or unusual in content, but it is vital, it is living and full of interest; and this is not so very surprising for the War has brought to the minds of the people a hunger for poetry. It has given them a certain joy in life through a quickening of the senses and a lessening of the fear of death.

The work of our soldier poets, Miss Spurgeon said, "is the expression of the flower of our young manhood."

One of these was Rupert Brooke who, on account of his personal charm, his brilliance and ability, has been compared to Sir Philip Sidney. Another was Julian Grenfell, at the same time an athlete, a keen hunter and a student. Miss Spurgeon read one of his poems in which he says, "Life is color and warmth and light" and hand in hand with this joy in life goes a certain kindliness and galantry:

"Brother, brother
If this be the last song you shall sing
Sing well for you may not sing another."

A very interesting little volume of poetry, *Soldier Poets. Songs of Fighting Men*, has been published. Its outstanding characteristics, Miss Spurgeon felt, were its expression of the per-

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MISS SEVERIN SHOWS PICTURES OF Y. W. IN PEKING.

Miss Theresa Severin, Wellesley '09, spoke on Wednesday evening, December 4, about the work of the Y. W. C. A. in Peking, China, and showed pictures of the people. The first picture was of Miss Frances Williams, who is now secretary there, and the "noble army of martyrs" the girls who make up the band of workers. Some of these are Bryn Mawr, some Wellesley women and two of the secretaries are Chinese. The Chinese women are very enthusiastic and capable, and because they can mean more to their association than any foreigner can, it is the hope of the workers to have them run the entire Y. W. C. A. themselves.

Mrs. Sung, the wife of a high official and president of the Peking Y. W. C. A. said, "When I came here first I was afraid to speak or pray or do anything but the things you've given me to do have made me unafraid to do anything and I'd like to be chairman of the finance committee." Every Wellesley girl can realize what this means when she understands that this job entails the collecting of dues! Mrs. Sung's little daughter Lucy will come to Wellesley when she is older and is to be the special charge of Miss Hart.

Miss Severin's interesting pictures showed girls from the mission schools, little girls who had an organization much like our Girl Scouts, factory girls and women, two or three thousand of them working on soldier garments for ten hours a day for five cents, a group of children temporarily adopted by some college girls. These children were flood-refugees and thirty of them were given the benefit of one year of careful training in the college association.

A League of Nations Exist.

Wellesley Can Help Its Development.

Dr. Horace M. Kallen spoke to a large audience in Houghton Memorial Chapel, December 6, on *The League of Free Nations*. "The first purpose of the League," he said, "is not to prevent war, but to establish conditions in the life of mankind which will give to all nations, irrespective of race, of color, of fath, an opportunity for freedom and happiness. The prevention of war is only one means to this end.

"Neutrality under modern conditions," he said, "is impossible. The living relations among states are such that each is dependent upon the others for economic necessities, no one can be economically self-sufficient." Though we may think nationally, we are compelled to live internationally. It is because of this fact that throughout the war neutrals have gotten themselves into trouble with belligerents. While the United States was still neutral she protested against England's regulation of her sea-traffic—a purely formal protest because of her sympathy with the Allies. Yet when the United States entered the war, she was forced to regulate the commerce of Norway, Spain, Holland, and other neutral nations, lest, were she not in control of the economic supply, they give aid and comfort to the enemy. At the end of the war no states were truly neutral. Sympathy determined their action, the interchange of economic supply their suffering. The economy and ways of life of the world are international, made so largely by the influence of machinery, which necessitates such huge supplies of raw material and consequent extensive commerce."

"Thus the world is interdependent in fact, while the political organization does not express that fact," Dr. Kallen went on to say. The necessities of war have compelled the development of institutions which are in harmony with the international idea. These are the League of Nations as it at this moment exists, a practical necessity determined by the conditions of life and particularly of battle. Modern wars are really fought in factories. At the outset of the war, there was no economic unity among the Allies. Nations bid against each other for supplies, creating, therefore, high prices, huge profits, and a disgracefully inefficient waste,—the result of thinking in national and living in international terms."

When the necessity of economic unity was sensed, the League of Nations actually came into being, and three great international organizations were created. First is the Food Administration, which provides for a just and equitable distribution of food throughout the world. The War Industries Board is equally important. It deals with all industries necessary for the conduct of the war and with the raw materials necessary to them, studying the needs of the Allies and apportioning supplies justly and with expert knowledge. Moreover, this board fixes the prices of supplies, investigating the accounts of growers, producers, and manufacturers, and compelling publicity in financial dealings. The result is that in countries under its supervision the cost of living has gone up approximately fifty-two per cent, in contrast to an increase of from one hundred to one hundred and fifty per cent in those where its regulations are not in force. The organization has prevented unfair competition and profiteering, lowered prices, and materially eased the life of each of us. The third of the international institutions is the Inter-Allied Maritime Council of Paris.

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SIR JOHN FOSTER FRASER SHOWS THE CHECKERBOARD OF EUROPE.

From a career almost as checkered as the map of Europe of which he spoke Sir John Foster Fraser brought to Wellesley a fund of interesting information concerning present day Europe. His lecture, on Thursday evening, December the fifth, was largely the fruits of his "travels in fifty countries," which he mentioned in passing. "It was my good fortune," he said, "to be in Paris when the war started." He was a bit dubious in appraising the fortune that had cast his lot in Chicago on the day peace was declared. His reference to the noisy demonstration which took place there was one of a series of thrusts he made at America's Americanisms through the course of his address. This vein, treated very humorously and subtly, and a vein of intense British nationalism colored rather vividly everything he said. Nevertheless he felt no malice towards the United States, indeed he attributed to this country the greatest unity to be found in any of the allied nations. "The unity of the people of the United States has impressed me most because you Americans are not a race. Although you are called a melting pot, the elements have not all melted. But you did coalesce when war was declared and entered it a united people. Never have I seen such undivided determination of spirit as I have found in the United States."

In telling of the problems which would make a redrawing of the map of Europe necessary Sir John spoke first of conditions in the Balkans. His viewpoint was quite pessimistic on this point since the peace conference, he believes, can hardly hope to bring real peace to countries divided into nationalities not by races but by religions. "The allies," he said, "must act like elder brothers. If we work with these nations in deciding their boundaries, it is just possible that future small wars among them will be avoided."

In Russia, "the most fascinating country for study in the world," the speaker went on to say "Autocracy was nothing but a crust over the real life of the people. In reality Russia was, is and

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ADVICE TO THE ACTRESS.

On Monday, December 2, at 8 o'clock, in Billings Hall, Mr. Louis Calvert, an English actor of long experience and unusual ability, lectured to the college on Shakespeare. Mr. Calvert is one of those artists, lamentably few in number, who believe in absolute truth in the interpretation of their characters. His genuine sincerity and the happy illustrations with which he made vivid his ideas endeared him to his audience, who applauded him enthusiastically from the start.

Speaking first about acting, as a profession, Mr. Calvert declared that there are three fundamentals in this art, which cannot be overlooked. The first is simplicity—a clinging to essentials, a discarding of mannerisms and all that does not help us in interpreting the part one is playing. The second is enthusiasm. "If you feel *impelled* to act," said he, "act, by all means!" Imagination, the third point, is the most important, as it is the most necessary to all real acting.

One could see from the reverence with which he approached his main theme that he is a worshiper at the shrine of Shakespeare. He told his audience frankly that his attitude in studying Shakespeare has always been "I know nothing: teach me." He feels that the plays of this greatest of all dramatists are not being presented with any truth on the modern stage. The actors need to go back to the First Folio editions really to

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"MERRY CHRISTMAS."

To many people the Christmas season is the happiest time of the whole year. The secret of its joyousness lies in the fact that it is a period of which the keynote is "Love"—love expressing itself in giving. Although it is the end of a term and everyone is tired the days preceding the Christmas holidays are more filled with spontaneous and joyful giving than any other one time in the year. Here at college the spirit of giving has started many delightful, pleasure-giving customs such as the sophomore carol singing on the last morning, house parties of great variety, the lighted Christmas tree on the Hill, the Christmas Carol Vesper service by the choir and Mr. Macdougall. But when the last train pulls out on Wednesday and the campus is left deserted what happens to the joyous Christmas spirit?

One girl goes north. She is going to spend the holidays at home with her family. She gathers her friends about her, they learn some carols and on Christmas eve they sing the glad tidings to the lonely "old folks" and the sick. The girl's room mate travels south to her grandmother's. Of course, being a popular girl she has many college acquainances, but before she addresses cards to them she thinks of a lonely old aunt and her first school teacher—a pathetic soul—and sends greetings to them and others she knows will not be so well remembered as her college friends. The girl across the corridor spends her vacation in a little town out West. In the little home church she finds slight preparation for the Christmas festival because there is no one to institute new customs or put new life in the old. Through her happy enthusiasm others are given brilliant new ideas.

Once again it is the season of loving thoughtfulness and great joy. With the separation of the student body for the holidays Wellesley's spirit will be spread far. Wherever it goes the NEWS sends with each copy best wishes for

A Very Merry Christmas
and
A Happy New Year.

RED CROSS DRIVE.

Look at the Free Press column. More specifically, look at the report from the chairman of the Red Cross Auxiliary. Since the armistice Wellesley has increased rather than slackened her pace!

Now look at the full page governmental advertisement on page 6. There is to be a Christmas drive for new members of the Red Cross. The connection is very evident. Wellesley boasts herself a logical community,—training no doubt due to Intercollegiate Debates. She has proved herself interested in Red Cross work. Now comes the test of her logic. Nothing less than one hundred per cent membership in the Wellesley branch of the Red Cross Association is to be expected. Many students have, up to this year, joined through their home auxiliaries. It is very well to join through both the college and home branches; but if a choice must be made, it seems much more consistent to put one's money and nominal support into the same place where one's work is going. The college drive is to be undertaken during this week; whereas the national drive is to take place next week. This gives every member of the college an opportunity to join the Red Cross once and perhaps twice before Christmas.

FREE PRESS.

All contributions for this column must be signed with the full name of the author. Only articles thus signed will be printed. Initials or numerals will be used in printing the articles if the writer so desires.

The Editors do not hold themselves responsible for opinions and statements which appear in this column.

Contributions should be in the hands of the Editors by 9 A. M. on Monday.

I.

FACULTY CONCERTS.

The college community apparently does not realize that by going to Billings Hall on Tuesday afternoons at 4.40 anyone and her friends may enjoy an hour of delightful music, through the kindness of the Department of Music. It is a time of day when music is peculiarly grateful and the technical excellence of these faculty recitals makes one wonder at the absence from them, of so many who strenuously go to Boston to concerts, on the theory that proximity to such opportunities is a reason for coming to Wellesley. The selections are cleverly adapted to an audience of varying degrees in musical appreciation and never fail to include, among the more difficult, one or two that rouse to enthusiasm every person present, whether it is some long-loved passage in the full tones of the strings, or a gay ballad, or a band of elves rollicking over the keyboard. Music lovers are missing a treat and an opportunity. And who would not be a music lover?

MYRTILLA AVERY.

II.

Judging from the Free Presses that have been appearing in the columns of the NEWS lately there seems to be a feeling prevalent that Wellesley girls have not been doing their duty since the signing of the armistice. Perhaps they have not thought very deeply about the world situation, perhaps they do not recognize the full extent of their individual responsibility. But in one way at least they have shown their realization of the fact that there is yet a great deal to be done. The Campus Red Cross Room has never been better attended—which is saying a good deal since girls have kept their pledges well all fall. Also the number of students doing extra hours of Red Cross work (besides the time they have pledged) has almost been doubled. Moreover forty-two new workers have been added to the list, bringing the total number above seven hundred. Also, we have opened the Village Room for the freshmen since the signing of the armistice. The attendance has been excellent. In an informal way almost all of 1922 has pledged to work there a certain amount of time each week. We are about to ask them to sign the same sort of pledges as are signed on Campus, and feel confident that they will sign them and keep them as well as the upper classmen have.

Our closets are piled high with work, kit bags and refugee garments of all sorts, so that we cannot afford to have the girls relax their efforts one moment. They have begun the year with a record to be proud of, and one which I know they will not want to stain.

MARGERY BORG,
Chm. of College Auxiliary.

III.

"WE RENDER AN ACCOUNTING."

In facing the serious problems of the world's present situation are not some of us forgetting to be normal? We each and every one realize to the fullest degree that the world now faces a crisis where all must fulfill the moral obligation to be intelligent citizens, especially we college women. To this end we strive to focus our whole lives. But in realizing this state of affairs are not some of us being too serious and even fanatical about things that have relatively no world-wide importance, as for instance such minor details as college societies?

The *Young Girl Chooses* in the December MAGAZINE is a clever eloquent article seemingly leaving society membership without a leg to stand on and making it utterly futile and worthy only perhaps of an unthinking set of girls. It is true no part of our lives should be spent unthinkingly. But does not a college society stand for good fellowship with undergraduates and alumnæ bound together by a loyalty based on some literary, artistic and social purpose? The societies were started by a thinking set of women and have been perpetuated by their followers, not in foolish sentimental feeling for tradition of the fireside or love of "a cup of tea," but as a means of having a good time with your friends—both in and outside of your society. Why then is not the change from the monotonous daily routine of dormitory, class, library, dormitory, to a quiet morning, afternoon or evening in the pleasant surroundings of a society house most welcome and beneficial? Why should girls who are eligible to socities consider membership only as another educational and serious element of their lives? In the crowded busy life of college where so many girls are away from home for the greater pat of their four college years the homelike restful influence to be found in a society house with its living room, dining room, library and kitchen seems as worthy an end as the much disputed appeal to the intelligence and "social consciousness."

We grant that a society is not *directly* essential for mental growth or "the seeing eye" but we do maintain that *indirectly* it promotes both by its opportunities for mental and physical relaxation. Why can we not accept our societies in this light, recognizing the value of normal, homelike advantages which they offer instead of attempting to measure them up to an academic ideal?

C. C., '19.
F. E. B., '19.
F. L., '19.

IV.

WHY CAN'T WE HAVE GOOD BARN PLAYS.

Mr. Calvert's talk last Monday night held much good advice which it seems a pity we cannot adopt. He said, acting should not be taken too easily, it necessitates hard and earnest work. Why can't we have some real acting in the Barn? We have good talent and there are good plays to be had. *Monsieur Beaucaire* was well chosen for the Barn and the talent of the girls available. It could have been worked up into a really good production if time and work had been given it. The acting of the parts of Monsieur Beaucaire and Lady Clarice showed great promise; but what can they do when hampered by awkward grouping and falling over palms and screens by the other actors. Our Barn has too small a stage for so large a caste; why could it not have been cut down? Why couldn't the caste have had enough rehearsals to learn a less awkward grouping? Why couldn't the actors have had an opportunity to work up their parts. Why can't we have a finished Barn plays? I suggest that we cut down the number of our plays and have *good* ones. We have all the material right here, *why not use it!*

1920.

VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE.

The Vocational Guidance Committee expects soon to be able to offer the student body a series of conferences which will bear as directly as possible on work to be done along lines of reconstruction. The committee has at hand requests from a number of sources for the opportunity to speak to college women contemplating work in the varied phases of effort which are seeking to assure the safety of the world for democracy. Is there some special vocation about which any one would like to hear in detail? If there is, the committee earnestly invites suggestions of preference for the subject matter of these conferences and will endeavor to secure the best speaker possible in each case. There will be an envelope for suggestions posted on the Vocational Guidance Board. The committee desires very much to serve as adequately as possible and therefore urges co-operation.

F. I. L., '19.

A PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITY.

The National Y. W. C. A. presents through the NEWS some suggestions of the professional opportunity it offers to Wellesley students:

"On November 10th the signs read: "Straight ahead. No speed limit." On November 11th. "Halt! Road under construction!" But there were other roads; there was a tang in the air, and the old engine was never running better. Turn back? Never!

That is the way hundreds of college women felt that day and will continue to feel. After the zest of war work, there is no turning back for her. And why should she go back? All the old and countless new roads are open to women today. The war has made real thinking as necessary for the inside of a woman's head as a hat for the outside. Luckily, it has also made it an easier matter to translate thinking into action.

The Blue Triangle stands for one of these means of translation. This is the sign that has meant the most to women in war work since Uncle Sam enlisted, and the Y. W. C. A. intends to have it, mean even more in reconstruction.

Under the Blue Triangle there are various ways of using the college woman's general and special training. Any girl who has another language besides English can feel it a patriotic duty to take up work among foreign-born women in the International Institutes. There she can help to make the future of America. If she is interested in social problems and enjoys her economics, she can join our social and recreational work among industrial women. A girl who is able to leave her home town, can do good work in club organization and activities in communities affected by the war. France, Russia, China and other lands are awaiting the girls of America. The Y. W. C. A. needs help in speaking their splendid ideals to those lands. Girls with a head for business or organization can do good work as cafeteria directors or business secretaries. No finer way of using a good athletic training could be found than in becoming a physical director or recreational leader under the Blue Triangle. The girl with a quality for leadership and insight into character can find inspiration and pleasure in joining our religious work.

Intensive and regular courses of training are provided in these subjects for qualified candidates in all parts of the country. Such a candidate for a position in the Y. W. C. A. must have a college education, or its equivalent in experience, or technical training in: Household Economy, Physical Training, Business Training. She must be at least twenty-two years of age and a member of a Protestant Evangelical Church.

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ADVICE TO THE ACTRESS.

understand Shakespeare. They convey nothing of his original simplicity, but rather lose the real Shakespeare in their striving for "effect." Even the commentators, according to Mr. Calvert, are not absolutely sincere in their interpretations of Shakespeare's more obscure passages. He himself has studied *Hamlet* for thirty years, and says that he finds something new every time he reads it.

"Don't study Shakespeare for the blank verse until you are thoroughly familiar with the lines," he urged, "for in the blank verse you get the glamour, rather than the humanity of the words. And," he added, "when you recite Shakespeare, 'speak it trippingly on the tongue,' as the characters themselves would have spoken the lines."

He went on to speak of the "star" system in modern acting and the evils that attend it. "Why, there's not a part in Shakespeare that's not worth playing!" Mr. Calvert exclaimed enthusiastically. "Why do actors think that they are succeeding only when they have leading rôles!"

He illustrated his points as he went along with selected readings that were remarkable in the truth of their interpretation. He read first from *Henry V*, to show the value of imagination, and then from *The Merchant of Venice*, where the Prince of Morocco chooses the golden casket. He put great feeling into this part, proving effectively his statement that the "minor" rôles need as much study as the more prominent ones. In the scene from *Julius Caesar*, where Brutus tells of his wife's death, Mr. Calvert interpreted admirably the stoical, unemotional nature of the man. He feels that too many actors make of this scene an opportunity to display what they consider "dramatic power" instead of adhering strictly to the truth of the character as Shakespeare created it.

Last of all, Mr. Calvert read a scene from *Richard II*, a favorite of his. He called this play the most beautiful word-painting Shakespeare ever did." He read the scene with the feeling and the sincerity of interpretation that characterized his other readings.

The future of Shakespeare, the dramatized Shakespeare, lies "with the children," declared Mr. Calvert. If young people can be shown the real Shakespeare on the stage, he is convinced that they will appreciate him and create a demand for him. It is his dream some day to be in a position to finance the production of Shakespeare "for the children all over the country," so that they, the future theatre-goers, may have a chance to know the best that the drama has to offer them.

HOUSE CONSIDERS "LOSS OF PRIVILEGES."

The last meeting of the House of Representatives was called to order 3.40, December 2, 1918, in Room 24, to consider the subject on the new probation rule.

The business of the meeting was to act upon the report of the committee appointed to investigate whether it was a function of the legislative body or of the Senate to determine the penalties for errors. It was voted to accept or reject the suggestions of the committee one by one. The following were accepted:

1. It shall be the policy of the Wellesley College Government Association to have the maximum penalty for violation of rules originate in the House as part of the law itself.
2. The exact degree of punishment shall be left to the House Presidents except in special cases which shall go to the Senate.
3. The term "College Government Probation" shall be dropped and the penalty be referred to as "loss of privileges" for a certain number of weeks.

It was decided that the fourth suggestion, i. e., the revision of the error slip, should be posted on the College Government Board for consideration by the college at large, and voted upon at the next meeting.

If the person who found a bead bag Friday afternoon, Nov. 29, will return it to its owner, Miss Stallknecht, 641 Washington Street, she will be willing to have them keep the five dollar bill which was in it.

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A League of Nations Exists.

in which all the Allies are represented. The problems of ship-building and ship-distribution come before them. The latter they have settled with reference to international needs, according to their conception of the greatest service for the common cause. We should realize that most of our troops sailed for France on English ships!

This unity of international forces *is*, then, the League of Nations. The question which Dr. Kallen says is before every citizen of the world today, is, "Shall we continue to maintain this international organization, improve it, keep it for the purposes of peace, to perform the same services in peace as in war?" Under the armistice terms, there is bound to be a League of Nations. It should be a development, under democratic conditions, of the institutions we have formed in war. If we add to them an international legislature, conference, or congress, elected by the people of the nations, to which the boards will be directly responsible,—then we will have an international agency which will really obtain for the world conditions of freedom and happiness. But this League must actually rest upon the will of the people, and the government must be a co-operation of the states publicly and consciously maintained.

The establishment of such a League of Nations, the speaker believed, would bring about freedom of the seas, a consequence which England, proud of her splendid navy, still fears. According to President Wilson's idea, freedom of the seas does not mean abolition of navies, but such conditions as prevail in our country because of the Inter-States Commerce Commission:—equal rights, no preferential rates, cost of transportation equal and just for all. The freedom of the seas and the League of Nations are practically the same in purpose and result.

Given these conditions, the question comes as to what Wellesley students can do to establish the great fact more firmly. "First," said Dr. Kallen, "Stand up and be counted! Join the League of Free Nations Association or the League to Enforce Peace, a co-operating society. Then get in touch with its members, tell your representatives and senators what you want. Preach the League of Nations asleep and awake."

The United States, at least, will not consider the war won unless a League of Nations is established. She went into the war unselfishly, her purpose to attain freedom and happiness for all men. The conditions of the League are indispensable for that happiness. "You can do a great deal to make those conditions a reality. Do it!"

At the end of his lecture Dr. Kallen answered several questions from the floor, and later spoke informally to those who still remained. Among other things he said that the League proposes to pool armaments for protection, not to limit them, and that eventually the production of armaments will be forbidden private concerns, since in the interests of competition these concerns promote strife. Freedom of the seas is probable, he thinks, if Congress will co-operate with President Wilson. That co-operation we should "want aggressively" to bring about! Dr. Kallen favors the establishment of a branch of the Association here—a branch to which every single student belongs and which would work in harmony with the outside forces, to bring about the end he so ardently desires!

M. F., '20.

PHILADELPHIANS NOTICE!

The College Club wishes to extend to those girls who will be in or near Philadelphia a cordial invitation to a reception for undergraduates on January 1, from 3.30 to 6 o'clock at 1300 Spruce Street, Philadelphia.

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OUR HEART'S DESIRE.

That the quality of the heart is, in the last analysis, the only thing that counts, was the theme of the Rev. Percy G. Kammerer's sermon on Sunday morning, December 8. "The Lord grant thee thy heart's desire and fulfill all thy counsels" may be a dangerous wish, but it is one which is necessary for proper development through individual self expression, he said.

The heart's desire of the womanhood of this nation is to help our sisters, our country and our God, the speaker continued. The story of the woman who developed her mind for its own sake, never using it to help in lightening the burdens of the suffering womanhood about her is, fortunately, not typical of the majority of the women of today. It is necessary for our own development as well as for the welfare of our less fortunate sisters that we recognize their needs and that we help them to the utmost of our ability. The woman of America has shown her desire to help the country in her war activities and sacrifices, and she must now continue her helpfulness in making democracy a personal quality of heart, rather than a mere form of political government. Lastly, in helping our God we must assume the responsibility of helping to formulate and develop those new ideals and conceptions of Christianity which the fighting men of the nation are bringing back with them from the battle fields of Europe.

FINNS ERECT A MONUMENT TO EQUAL SUFFRAGE.

The Finnish women have been the first to erect a memorial to commemorate the enfranchisement of women. About 10,000 people gathered when the stone was erected at the foot of the highest hill in the Finnland Alps near the town of Frobjerg. The lines on the stone translated roughly read:

"On man and woman equal rights confer;
Let her serve him; likewise let him serve her."

LOST! 1919's CLASS BATON. FINDER PLEASE RETURN TO SUSAN LOWELL WRIGHT, POMEROY.

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Miss Caroline Spurgeon Speaks on the Soldier Poets of the War.

sonality of England and its realization of the English mind. The English nation does not mean only the England of today, but the lives and spirits of the dead and those who are to come also. England is the expression of the nation's mind and will. It is a life compact with the essence of other lives. In a poem by Robert Hopwoode is expressed the bond between the dead and the living. It is called "Old Way" and shows how alive to the young sailor are the spirits of Nelson and "Sir Francis." The present generation lay down their lives that the future may have liberty and peace. Vernay said:

"Peace, not in our time but in their time,
Oh, Lord!"

The beauty of English country has touched these young poets and caused many to write of the land that "is very small and very green and full of little lanes all full of flowers."

Two poems on Death by a soldier barely twenty years old, Capt. Sawley, showed beautifully that lessening of the fear of it which has come through this war. Death is made to seem almost sweet, a way of gaining perfect equality. There is no terror in it. Death cannot stop a determination such as that expressed by Vernay in *England to the Sea*: "not 'til the sea and England sink together shall they be masters."

A very sympathetic analysis of the young soldier at war was Lieutenant Robert Nichols' *Boys*.

Miss Spurgeon read two poems expressing the gallantry, humor, kindness, and depreciation of the thing at hand which these writers show. The first, called *Dead Fox-hunter*, pictures vividly the finding of a captain who had made a bold advance followed by his men—all lying dead. The second, by a sailor, tells in a humorous way of the work of the *Little Trawler*, in reality a mine sweeper. The very belittling of the danger of the work makes it seem all the more grim. The very pride of the little ship emphasizes the pathos of its fate.

LOST! A pearl and sapphire bar pin. Finder report to 82 Shafer.

DERE BILL.

Dere Bill:

You've been a brave boy not to show how much you missed me all this fall while I've been hear at college getting knowledge. Didn't kno I was a poet did you Bill. You oughtta be proud of me you had. I wrot a poem for the Mag the other day. That's what they call the college paper the big one I mean. The other one is the Noos and its a weakly. I spose they call it that becos its still rather feeble on the funny page. Guess I'll hafta write some good dope for 'em some time.

O I was telling you I wrote a poem for the Mag. Well it didn't come out the next time the paper did so I went and spoke to the editor about it. I couldn't get anything out of her. Guess she was afraid to tell me it was too good to print. She was awful busy—most of those girls what wear mortor-boards all the time are rushed to death. You wouldn't understand what mortor-boards are Bill, it's too tecknickle. It's nothing to do with exemption boards. I know you know a lot about them Bill and I appreshate youre trying to stay home from the war on my account, but a mortor-board is something different.

I got that box of candy you sent me. I would of thot it was delaid in the mails, if I hadn't of seen the postmark, so I kno you was just bein economical, Bill when you bought the mark down stuff the'd had in stock since they opened up bizness. But don't try that again on me Bill. Taint as if you was the kind that was popular with the ladies. You kno I'm the only girl your every likely to have, and you better treat me nice. But I'll forget it this time. Good-hearted. That's me all over Bill.

Well I got to stop now and rite a bunch of other fellos.

Your's till the paint fades on Tower Court. That's a sort of joke that us college girls understand. You wouldn't get it probably Bill. Too port-coshare.

MABLE.

THE REASON.

I know I'm thinking
Yes I is.
I'm getting G on every quiz.
It's clear to me
The reason be,
That I just wasn't born a "wiz."

IF.

If you can do your work when all about you
Are doing theirs, and stop when they stop too,
If you can play and think and judge by custom
And never stop to feel that you are you.
If you can chat and not grow tired of chatter,
Or eat all day, yet nightly cry for more.
And being fed again, go stuffed to slumber
And yet not grow too fat, nor pimpled o'er;—
If you can cut, and not grow shamed of cutting;
If you can think—yet not make thought your guide;
If you can meet with Cs and Ds and flunk notes,
Nor let that slight misfortune sting your pride;—
If you can laugh to see the tales you've started
Twisted by friends to make the rumor spread,
Or spend the day in "working" 'till you're all in,
And yet consider two the time for bed!

If you can have one aim for your allowance
And toss it off without a thought of loss,
And spend, and spend again for any pleasure,
But "really can't give more" to the Red Cross;
If you can force your heart and mind and conscience
To aequiesee in whatsoe'er you plan.
And so enjoy today and each tomorrow
As only you and thoughtless children can;—

If you can joke without a sense of humor,
Nor see in self the humor others see;
If neither scorn nor kindly blame convince you
That you're not just the girl you ought to be;
If you can fill yourself with satisfaction
That in the mirror smiles a pretty face,—
Yours is full life and everything that's in it
And you're a daughter worthy of your race!

M. F., '20.

DECEMBER 18.

What would you say if, on Wednesday morning, the 18th of December:

1. Your trunk changed its mind and didn't make any fuss over shutting, even when you had put your Encyclopedia Brittanica in on top, which you would need to study with during vacation!

2. Your instructors smiled when your classes were assembled and said, "Well, cuts can't be given on the day a vacation begins, but suppose instead of class work, I read you *The Night Before Christmas!*"

3. Miss Davis ordered paper bag lunches, each with a chocolate éclair on top, passed around during the 11.45 classes!

4. You remembered to pack your tooth-brush.

5. And your rubbers—which you had purchased yesterday to prove to your mother that you had a pair, but which you could avoid wearing by pointing out that they had stretched until they really fell off whenever you took a step!

6. The officials in command of the pecial announced that it would stop at the Quad, and that no one must hurry, as they were trying to break last year's record and be five hours late, instead of only four!

Would it take you long to realize that you were still asleep, and that you had better hurry and get up, as it was all of 5.35 A. M. and you had rather a collection of things to do before breakfast?

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THREE READINGS ANNOUNCED.

On January 10, two days after the close of vacation, Mme. Harriet Labadie is to read *Romance* by Edward Sheldon. Three years ago Mme. Labadie read at Wellesley with rare insight and force, Ibsen's *Doll's House*. "Mme. Labadie is a producer of plays, but instead of employing what we call actors to represent the various characters, she creates them in her mind so that they can be clearly and distinctly seen by the mind's eye of the audience."

Miss Sydney Thompson will give a program of: 1. Two Original Plays; 2. Old Ballads (in Costume); 3. A Legend of King Arthur's Court; 4. Agnes Sorel—A Tale of France, on March 7. The Dean of Vassar College writes to the Department: "I am glad that I can cordially recommend Sydney Thompson. She is one of the few readers whom I have heard during my life that I should like to hear repeatedly. She is so clever that she appeals strongly to college girls, and she is so refined and charming that she makes a strong appeal to any appreciative set of people."

Miss Dorothea Spinney, an English woman, will read probably *The Alcestis* of Euripides, (Gilbert Murray's translation), on April 18. The play is given in costume before a setting of curtains. The Oxford Times (Eng.) compares Miss Spinney's *voice* with the two most beautiful speaking voices on the English stage.

The readings will be given in Billings Hall on the evenings stated at 8 o'clock. Course tickets with reserved seat $1.25. Tickets will be sold to members of the department Thursday and Friday, December 12 and 13; Saturday, December 14, 9 to 12 o'clock, and 2 to 4, at the Department Office, Billings Hall. Members of the Official Staff may order tickets by resident mail of Miss Malvina Bennett, the week of December 9th. Checks accepted.

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MARRIAGES.

'04. Clark-Pinney. On Nov. 28, 1918, at Valparaiso, Ind., Myra F. Pinney to Ainsworth Whitney Clark.

'08. Wright-Cooper. On Nov. 2, 1918, at St. Paul, Minn., Mabel Cooper to Dr. William Benton Wright, Jr.

'12. Swering-Callett. On Nov. 28, 1918, at Brookings, S. D., Winfred Callett to Joseph Benjamin Swering.

'13-'14. Meister-Smith. On Nov. 30, 1918, at Oxford, Ohio, Lucila I. Smith to Walter Frederick Meister.

BIRTHS.

'09. On Sept. 17, in Canton, China, a daughter, Christine Duford, to Mrs. G. Allen Hofmann (Margaret Jones).

'12. On Nov. 21, in Paris, Ill, a son, Herbert Blackburn, to Mrs William A. Dennis (Dorothy Simmy).

'18. On No. 29, a daughter, Barbara, to Mrs. Paul Hartley (Esther M. Parks).

DEATHS.

'89. On Oct. 26, Mrs. Cornelia Banta, mother of May Banta.

'94. On Aug 26, a Nantucket, Mass., Warren Barton Blake, brother of Harriet Blake.

'01. On Nov. 24, in Waterbury, Vt., Dr. Watson Lovell Wasson, husband of Mrs. Pearl B. Randall Wasson.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

'09. Mrs. David R. Johns (Ruth Kenyon) to 999 Broad St., Meriden, Ct.

'12. Mrs. Joseph B. Swering (Winifred Callett) to 430 Delaware Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.

'13-'14. Mrs. Walter P. Meister (Lucile Smith) to 89 N. Munn Ave., E. Orange, N. J.

'18. Mrs. Kenneth P. Culbert (Miriam Towle) to 498 West End Ave., N. Y. City.

'19 Marion H. Wallace from 24 N. Jefferson St., New Castle, Pa., to 318 Highland Ave., New Castle, Pa.

WHEREAS: We, the Class of 1918, have learned of the death of a fellow-member, Doris Thayer, be it resolved that we extend to her family our deepest sympathy in their loss. Our class can ill afford to part with a member so genuinely loyal and so devoted to all that Wellesley holds best. We shall always remember her warm friendliness during our four years together.

RUTH LANGE,
RUTH CANDLIN,
SARAH DEITRICK.

"PAN-AMERICANISM."

On Monday evening, December 16, there will be a lecture by Mr. John Barrett on *Pan-Americanism—Our Great After-the-War Opportunity.*

Mr. Barrett is the Director of the Pan-American Union at Washington and probably more than any one else has been instrumental in bringing about friendly relations between the United States and the Hispanic Republics. The subject is one of vital importance at the present time and all who are interested in the future welfare of the American continent are cordially invited to be present. Billings Hall at 8 P. M.

(A folder containing a short account of the Pan-American union is posted on the History bulletin board, and another, in Spanish is on the board near room I.)

GOD SPEED TO PRESIDENT WILSON.

"While no American woman will go officially to the peace conference," said Mrs. Charles Sumner Bird, Acting President of the Massachusetts Woman Suffrage Association, "the President of the United States takes with him our utmost good will and loyalty. President Wilson made a supreme effort to bring America to the peace conference with a completed democracy, so that no question could arise in the minds of any as to our interpretation of democratic government. This he was unable to do, but whether women are to be admitted to a partnership of privilege and right' in 1919 or 1920, there will be no slacking in their endeavor to give their best efforts to the rigt solution of the great problems which must be settled now that the war is over."

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COLLEGE CALENDAR.

Thursday, December 12, 7:30 P. M., Billings Hall. Miss Mabel Bragg: *The Use of the Story in Education.*

Friday, December 13, 8 P. M., Billings Hall. Mr. Arthur Gleason: *The Peace Table.*

Saturday, December 14, The Barn. Second performance of the Junior Play, *Billeted.*

Sunday, December 15, Houghton Memorial Chapel. 11 A. M. Dr. William H. Day, of Bridgeport, Conn.

7 P M. Vespers. Christmas Vespers.

Monday, December 16, 8 P. M., Billings Hall. Mr. John Barrett, Director General of the Pan-American Union.

Wednesday, December 18, 12:30 P. M. Christmas recess begins.

Wednesday, January 8, 12:30 P. M. Christmas recess ends.

PEACE TABLE TALK.

Mr. Arthur Gleason, one of the best American authorities on the British labor situation is to speak Friday, December 13, at 8 P. M., in Billings Hall on the Peace Table. Mr. Gleason was in 1914-15 attached to the Belgian and French armies with the British Red Cross and was for a time with the Y. M. C. A. at the front. He also attended one of the British labor conferences in 1918. From his various writings and the facts of his actual experience at the front and in England, this is evidently a lecture we can scarcely afford to miss.

WAR WORKERS COUNCIL.

The first attempt to bring women war workers together for an after-war conference was made by the National American Woman Suffrage Association Sunday afternoon, December 8th in Washington.

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, President of the National and International suffrage association and a member of the woman's committee, National Council of Defense, presided. The speakers included Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, Mrs. Josephus Daniels and Mrs. Charles Tiffany.

When the United States entered the war, the National Association called a meeting in Washington to offer its services to the government. The questions discussed Sunday were: Has the association lived up to its pledge? Can the government, which accepted the war service of women deny them political recognition in after-war problems? How strong an appeal may be made by the women war workers?

The Washington meeting is the central one of a chain extending all over the United States. These meetings called simultaneously in various parts of the country are the opening feature of the National Association's campaign for the one vote needed to pass the federal woman suffrage amendment during the short session of the senate.

THIRD FRESHMAN CHOIR GIVES FINE PROGRAM.

Wellesley was charmed on Sunday evening, December 8, by the performance of the third Freshman Vespers Choir. Under the able direction of Mr. Macdougall, a choir of over two hundred voices gave a program which rivaled in beauty the programs of the preceding choirs. The unison of the parts was the most noticeable feature in the singing.

Mr. Albert T. Foster, Mr. Joseph Goudreault, and the College Choir, assisted the Freshman Choir. The sober richness of Rheinberger's *Canzone* with its muted violin melody and dominating organ accompaniment was an effective contrast to the strange tenderness of the *Melody in E flat* by Tchaikowsky. To the lovers of the lovely song *Holy Night* the organ arrangement with the florid introduction of other melodies was disappointing. The power and simplicity of the tenor solo *And I, John, saw the Holy City* was well brought out in Mr. Goudreault's rendition. In *Sing Allelulia Forth* the training and natural ability of the choir was marked.

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SIR JOHN FOSTER FRASER SHOWS THE CHECKERBOARD OF EUROPE.

is to be the most democratic country in the world. . . . There is so much to admire and so much to abhor about Russia." In his opinion it is the Jews in Russia who constitute the dangerous element for future development. Because these Jews have been so hideously oppressed,—according to Sir John, for economic reasons,—it is only natural that they should be a source of rebellion in the state; but it is, none the less, an unfortunate fact. Russia, despite the present turmoil, has her good side, for, he said, "there must be something very beautiful innate in the character of men who let religion dominate their lives."

To Italy we should be deeply grateful, the speaker went on to say, for her valiant conquest of the Trentino. Her desire for a piece of the Dalmatian coast upon which Serbia looks with anxious eyes is a problem for the peace conference to settle.

Of our debt to Belgium, too, the audience was reminded and of the four years of suffering Belgium has undergone.

"To gallant France not only this generation but generations unborn owe a debt." France has published no casualty lists for over a year but there is every reason to believe that her casualties in the last year have run into the millions.

Sir John was rather unwilling to tell of Great Britain's suffering and her bravery, although he suggested it very clearly. But he gave his audience an idea of the humor which makes the British Tommy absolutely unique. As a Scotchman he felt justified in saying that the best fighting done under British arms has been done by the English; that Great Britain has held her own on her seventeen battle-fronts. As for the famous British navy, the sailors feel they have not had a show.

Speaking of Germany, the lecturer said, Germany must have a stable government, with which the Allies can deal. Germany hopes America will stand between her and the wrath of the Allies, but no mercy can be shown until Germany has shown repentance. Sir John felt that no one who had, as he has, been in twenty air raids, could speak of mercy now. "It is to justice we must bend our minds. Europe has seen things that make her heart harder than those three thousand miles away."

An earnest plea for unity of feeling between England and America, two most democratic countries, was the subject of a large part of Sir John's address.

"War teaches nations modesty as it teaches individuals modesty. The cloak of national arrogance which Germany wore must be avoided," he concluded.

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